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Appl. No. 10/044,651
Art Unit: 3682AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Final Rejection dated September 9, 2003, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

Amend claims 1 and 2 as set forth in **Attachment C-1**.

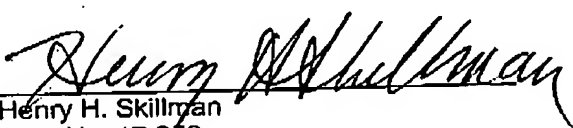
Applicants' arguments for patentability are set forth in **Attachment C-2**.

With the amendments to claims 1 and 2, it is believed that the application now is in condition for allowance and early and favorable reconsideration leading to passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re the Patent Application of:

Art Unit: 3682

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Atty Docket: 1382-TC-378

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Title: "HYDRAULIC TENSIONER"

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Computation of Additional Fee for Amendment

☒ No Additional Fee is required.

☐ The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee to the deposit account of the undersigned attorneys, **Deposit Account No. 04-1406**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED				*SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
FOR	CLAIMS AFTER AMDT.	CLAIMS PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
EFFECTIVE TOTAL CLAIMS	8	20	0	\$ 9		\$ 18	
IND. CLAIMS	1	3	0	43		86	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS?				145		290	
PETITION FEE FOR EXTENSION						\$	
				TOTAL		TOTAL	\$

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